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SUBJECT: Czechoslovakia Production of the IL-14  
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1. The following information regarding the production of the IL-14 transport in Czechoslovakia, recently obtained by questioning [REDACTED] is forwarded [REDACTED]

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a. The IL-14 is being built in an old dilapidated area, which dates from before World War II. Lack of space had most of the functions bunched together in various sheds right on top of each other. There appeared to be very few machine tools, so that much of the work was being carried out by hand. Apparently, all components for the aircraft, with the possible exception of radio equipment which was Soviet manufactured, are made right there by the all-Czech personnel of the plant.

b. Plant layout seemed to be very similar to that shown in photographs of the Moscow plant building the IL-14. It appeared to be in full production on a one shift a day basis. While no stock rooms or metallurgical laboratories such as would be expected in such a plant were observed, undoubtedly such do exist, since the buildings in use have been there for a long time.

c. The labor force apparently does not exceed one thousand, but the workmanship seemed uniformly good. Some of the IL-14 equipment had Soviet markings but this was because it was to be delivered to and used by the USSR. The Czechs were obviously proud of their IL-14s, which are better made than their Soviet counterparts, and boasted that they had, themselves, improved on the Soviet design.

2. The above information is dated July-August 1957.

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